

IN THE TITLE

Please delete the Title and replace with the following new Title.

--COMPACTED CARBON BLACK PELLETS--

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 3, line 8, please add the following paragraph:

b1 - The present invention also related to compacted carbon black pellets having a relative color intensity, based on the uncompacted carbon black powder, of greater than 100%.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

B2 20. (Amended) Compacted carbon black pellets, prepared from uncompacted carbon black powder, having a relative color intensity, based on the uncompacted carbon black powder, of greater than 100%.

B3 21. (Amended) The pellets of Claim 20 wherein the pellets have an average particle size of 0.3 to 2 mm and a quotient of pyconometric density and bulk density between 3.0 and 10.

B4 25. (Amended) A process for the production of carbon black pellets which comprises compacting carbon black in the presence of an auxiliary substance and comminuting the compacted carbon black to pellets having an average particle size of 0.3 to 2 mm and a quotient of pyconometric density and bulk density between 3.0 and 10.

B5 27. (Amended) The process of Claim 25 comprising performing the compaction two or more times with different compressive forces.

33. (Amended) The process of Claim 25 comprising coating the resulting pellets with wax, polyether, polyolefin or polyvinyl alcohol.